



RUSSIA SEMINAR 2023

Day 1: Wednesday 15th February 2023

09.00	Welcome and Admin remarks	Simo Pesu (FNDU)
09.10 – 09.20	Opening words	Rector of FNDU
09.20 – 09.30	Introduction to the theme of Russia Seminar 2023	Pentti Forsström (FNDU)
09.30 – 10.00	Keynote 1: Russian Art of Coercion: A Post-War Transformation of Deterrence and Compellence	Dima Adamsky (Reichman University, Israel)
	Session 1: Aspects on Art of War	Moderator: Pentti Forsström
10.00 – 10.30	An Assessment of Russia's Way of War in the Wake of its Aggression in Ukraine	Dumitru Minzarari (Baltic Defence College)
10.30 – 11.00	Evolution of Russian Operational Concept Development	Clint Reach (RAND)
11.00 – 11.30	The role of space assets in Russia's war in Ukraine: an appraisal	Rod Thornton and Marina Miron (King's College, UK)
11.30 – 12.00	Panel	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch break	
	Parallel sessions	
	Session 2: Non-kinetic aspects	Session 3: Justifying aspects
	Moderator: Simo Pesu	Moderator: Katri Pynnöniemi

13.00 – 13.30	Russian asymmetric, indirect, and non-military methods in the context of Russia's war on Ukraine – theoretical ambivalence and practical complications Juha Kukkola (Finnish Defence Forces)	The equalization of nationalism and Nazism in Russian strategic narratives: a postcolonial perspective Ieva Berzina (National Defence Academy of Latvia)
13.30 – 14.00	Russian Tactical PSYOPS in Ukraine – do they play by Soviet handbook? Ivo Juurvee (ICDS)	Creating an enemy: denazification in the contemporary military strategy of the Russian Federation Marzia Cimmino (FNDU)
14.00 – 14.30	Observations of the Russian Cyberwarfare during the Ukrainian War Juha Wihersaari (FNDU)	Strategic objectives of Russia's attack in relation to Kremlin's political rhetoric during 2022 Santeri Kytöneva (FNDU)
14.30 – 15.00	Discussion	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	
	Session 4: Operational assessments	Session 5: Maritime aspects
	Moderator: Jukka Viitaniemi	Moderator: Iiro Penttilä
15.30 – 16.00	Russian Military Performance in the Russo-Ukrainian War Michael Kofman (CNA)	Russian operation against maritime communication: main conclusions and lessons from the experience of protecting the economic activities of the state at sea in the conditions of the Russian-Ukrainian war Yevhenii Vdovytskyi (National Defence University of Ukraine)
16.00 – 16.30	Comparing Russo-Ukrainian war and Second Karabakh war: performance and failures Leonid Nersisyan and Cerwyn Moore (APRI, University of Birmingham)	Russian strategy and operational art in the war against Ukraine at sea: lessons learned, trends and prospects Stepan Yakymiak (National Defence University of Ukraine)
16.30 – 17.00	Understanding the Russian 'Way of War'? Western estimates of Russian military power and the War in Ukraine (ZOOM) Bettina Renz (University of Nottingham)	The Maritime Dimension of Russia's War Against Ukraine (ZOOM) Stephen Blank (Foreign Policy Research Institute)
17.00 – 17.30	Panel	

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Day 2: Thursday 16th February 2023

08.30 – 09.00	Coffee	
	Moderator: Pentti Forsström	
09.00 – 09.30	Keynote 2: Military-political and military-strategic situation around Black Sea and Caspian Sea Region (TBC)	Andrei Gritsenko (National Defence University of Ukraine)
09.30 – 09.45	Break	

	Parallel sessions	
	Session 6: External and future aspects	Session 7: Societal aspects
		Moderator: Katri Pynnöniemi
9.45 – 10.15	Russia's Wartime Military Diplomacy with the Countries of the 'Global South': Drivers and Implications Ivan U. K. Klyszcz (ICDS)	How Russian Patriotic Education Was Changed to Support War: Military Masculinity as a Hegemonic Discourse and Practices of Resistance Jonna Alava (FNDU)
10.15 – 10.45	Countering the Russian invasion strategy in Ukraine: conceptions and capabilities Valerii Hordichuk, Andrii Ivashchenko and Nina Andriianova (TBC) (National Defence University of Ukraine)	Military-political education in Russian Armed Forces Aleksander Malinen (University of Helsinki)
10.45 – 11.15	Prolonged Wars in the 21st Century: Sustaining and Adapting Over a Long Conflict Marc R. DeVore and Kristen Harkness (University of St. Andrews)	Support for war of aggression in Russia Eemil Mitikka (University of Helsinki)
11.15 – 11.45	Panel	
11.45 – 12.00	Closing words	Colonel Pekka Turunen (FNDU)